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ECA/PE/V/R/E - DDOUGLAS; WHA/PDA - JCARPENTER-ROCK;
MONTREAL, TORONTO AND VANCOUVER FOR PAOS;
HALIFAX AND QUEBEC FOR CONGENS;
CALGARY FOR FIELD REPS; CALGARY PLEASE PASS TO WINNIPEG

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SUBJECT: FY 2006 IVLP EU RP Combating International Crime -
September 25-October 12, 2006 - Joe Couto (Principal
Candidate)

REFERENCE: OTTAWA 1504

1. Post is pleased to nominate Joe Couto, Director of
Government Relations, Ontario Association of Chiefs of
Police, for subject project. EVDB-formatted nomination
follows.

2. START FIXED-FORMAT TEXT (PLEASE DO NOT EDIT):
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PROG-AGENCY-NAME:
POST-PROJ-ID: 326
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PROJ-NAME: Couto, Joe - EU RP Combatting International
Crime, Sept. 25-Oct. 13, 2006
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SUBJ-DISC: Law Enforcement
START BIO:
PREFIX: Mr.
F-NAME: Joe
M-NAME:
L-NAME: Couto
SUFFIX:
POSITION-CODE: 321
PRINCIPAL?: Yes
GENDER: M
DOB: 08/04/1965
MAR-STAT:
BIRTH-CITY: Sao Paulo
BIRTH-CNTRY: Brazil
CITIZ-CNTRY: Canada
RES-CNTRY: Canada
START MEMO POSITION:
Director of Government Relations and Communications, Ontario
Association of Chiefs of Police
END MEMO POSITION:
START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:
START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
Senior Consultant, Enterprise Canada Group, Inc.

Policy Manager, The Ontario Chamber of Commerce
Advisor to Tony Lupusella, Minister of Provincial Parliament
Public Relations Officer, Consulate General of the Republic
of Korea

END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:

START MEMO US-TRAVEL:

Business trip to New York City - June 2003, three days, ran
a luncheon featuring Alberta Premier Ralph Klein, not U.S.
funded.

END MEMO US-TRAVEL:

START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:

South Korea in 1997; Israel in March 2005 with the Minister
of Community Safety Kwinter, Toronto Police Chief Fantino
and about 30 police chiefs for consultations with Israeli
police.

END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:

START MEMO EDUCATION:

Bachelor of Applied Arts (Journalism), Ryerson University

END MEMO EDUCATION:

START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:

Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police

Public Affairs Association of Canada

Canadian Society of Association Executives

END MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:

START MEMO PUBLICATIONS:

Editorial Oversight for HQ magazine, the Official

Publication for the OACP

END MEMO PUBLICATIONS:

START MEMO SPEC-CONSID:

Dietary or medical considerations (e.g. diabetic, allergies,
vegetarian): None

Smoker/non-smoker: Non-smoker

END MEMO SPEC-CONSID:

FIRST-LANG: English

ENGL-READ: 4

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ENGL-COMP: 4

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START OTHER-LANGS:

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NOMINATING-OFFICER: Timothy Nelson

START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:

Joe Couto leads the recently opened Toronto office of the
Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP), which
focuses on government relations and was responsible for a
breakthrough in government attitudes toward illicit drugs.
The "Green Tide Summit" of 2003 forced Ontario's politicians
to recognize that Ontario's booming marijuana production was
an organized crime problem that is far larger than current
policing capabilities to restrain.

Couto has proposed deepening working-level contacts with
U.S. counterparts on each of Ontario's most pressing law
enforcement issues. He says that existing cooperation is not
"intentional" - aimed at specific issues on a province-wide
basis - but rather limited to high-level conference
attendance segmented by agencies, or low-level cooperation
on an as-needed basis among border towns. Couto would like
to see greater institutionalized cooperation throughout
Ontario's law enforcement agencies with U.S. counterparts by
building issue-based, working-level cooperation that would
enhance law enforcement capabilities to tackle prevailing
criminal trends that affect both sides of the border.
OACP, as the voice of Ontario law enforcement, intends to
tackle Ontario's approach to the big issues of crime in
Ontario. OACP's initiative created the Criminal Intelligence
Service Ontario (CISO) under Ontario Provincial Police
auspices to integrate police enforcement efforts toward
organized crime. Other items on their agenda include child
pornography, trafficking in persons, reforming Ontario's
judicial system, and public education to reshape attitudes

toward various crimes.
Mr. Couto's participation in the EU RP Project on Combating International Crime would serve the Mission goal of acquainting him with U.S. law enforcement perspectives and building stronger cooperation in securing both Canada and the United States from criminal threats. Consultation with participants from other countries with similar criminal problems would enhance the value of the exchange. Post looks forward to acceptance of Mr. Couto into this program.

END MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:

NOM-OFF: ConGen Toronto

SPEAKER?: No

NOTIFY-EMB: No

MEDIA?: No

HOME-STAY: No

HOME-HOSP?: Yes

E-I-TYPE: ELEO

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PERSON-ID: 377

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CITIZ-CNTRY-ID: CA

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